## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-286-WS - ORDER NO. 2007-673 SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

IN RE:	Application of Utilities Services of South	)	ORDER GRANTING
	Carolina, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and	)	REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC
	Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms	)	HEARINGS
	and Conditions for the Provision of Water and	)	
	Sewer Service.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the requests for public hearings to be scheduled in the present docket. On August 6, 2007, Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (USSC or the utility) filed an Application with the Commission for approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for water and sewer service that the utility provides to customers in certain areas of South Carolina.

Since the filing of USSC's application, numerous requests have been filed with the Commission from customers of the utility asking that public hearings be scheduled in this matter. Specifically, the public hearings are requested to be held in York and Anderson Counties, South Carolina.

Upon consideration of the requests, the Commission finds that public hearings in this docket should be scheduled and held in York County, South Carolina, and Anderson County, South Carolina. These hearings shall be scheduled in addition to the public hearing set to begin Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission's

hearing room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Such hearings will allow interested customers of USSC who may not be able to attend the hearing in Columbia to appear and present testimony and evidence relevant to USSC's application. The public hearings to be held in York and Anderson Counties, South Carolina will serve the public interest by providing customers and other interested persons not already parties to this proceeding convenient forums in terms of location and time to appear before the Commission to present evidence related to USSC's pending rate case application.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Public hearings in the pending rate case application filed by Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. shall be held in the evening in York County, South Carolina, and Anderson County, South Carolina.
- 2. The Commission Staff is directed to find suitable locations and dates for the public hearings and shall provide notice of the hearings to the parties in this docket and to the customers affected by the application.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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